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In RE application of M. FALDEASHI et al

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For: STORAGE SYSTEM, METHOD OF CONTROLLING  
STORAGE SYSTEM, AND STORAGE DEVICE

Examiner: D.T. Tran

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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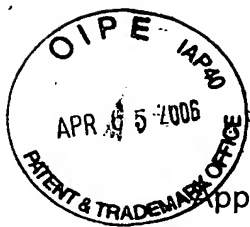
- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-1417 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ A Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$ 1200.00 is attached 1 independent and 20 dependent new claims.
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- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ Any Extension of Time fees that are necessary, which are hereby requested if necessary.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Further to the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on March 31, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 26 of this paper.

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